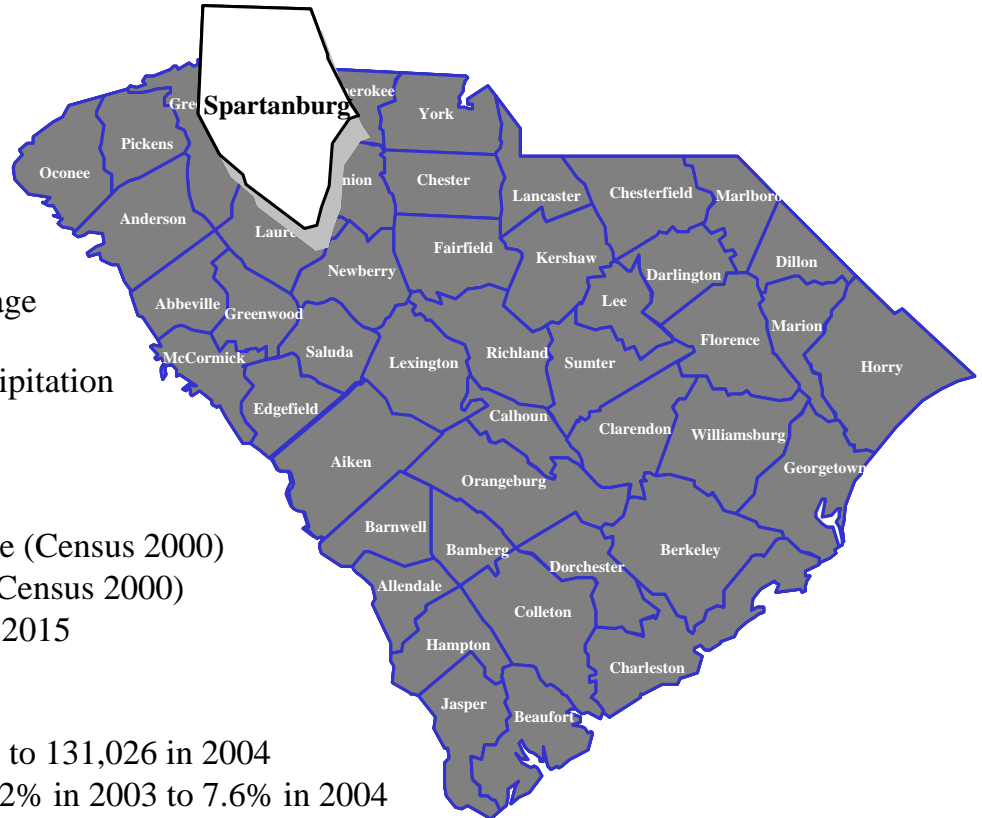


Spotlight on Spartanburg County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the northwestern area of the state
- Surrounded by Cherokee, Greenville, Laurens, and Union counties and North Carolina
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 60.1 degrees and experiences 50.46 inches of precipitation



Population

- 264,230 in 2004
- 75.1% white and 24.9% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 36.1 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 293,040 by 2015

Labor Force

- Decreased from 132,272 in 2003 to 131,026 in 2004
- Unemployment rate rose from 7.2% in 2003 to 7.6% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 121,003 in 2004, compared to 122,724 in 2003

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$25,773 in 2003
- It was 99% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Spartanburg Workforce Center paid \$25,548,510 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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